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Cav. Receives Combat Patch, Soldiers Get Bronze Star

(Below) Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, 1st Cavalry Division presents commanders of each battalion on Camp Victory North with combat patches for their service in Iraq. Chiarelli published the order authorizing the wear of the 1st Cavalry Division combat patch on the right shoulder of his Soldiers' uniforms July 4.

(Right) 1st Cavalry Division commanding general, Maj. Gen. Peter

Chiarelli, presents 1st Sgt. Charles Taylor of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment with a Bronze Star with "V" device for valor, for his conduct in a combat zone. Three other 1st Cav. Div. Soldiers also received the award July 4: Pfc. Douglas Brewster, Headquarters Company, 2-12 Cav., Staff Sgt. Eric Mehall, Company C, 2-12 Cav. and Sgt. 1st Class John Sczerloy, Company C, 2-12 Cav.



Photos by Spc. Marie Whitney, 122nd MPAD



MWR Brings 4th of July Celebration to Camp Victory



Cooks from the Pegasus Sports Oasis dining facility prepare a barbecue for the Soldiers of Camp Victory North as a part of the festivities that took place on July 4 in celebration of Independence Day.

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CAMP VICTORY NORTH- Barbecues, fun and games: The three things that make up a typical 4th of July celebration. And thanks to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) personnel in the area, that is just what the Soldiers at Camp Victory got on the anniversary of the United States' independence.

The celebration started out with a 5-kilometer fun run put

on by the Equal Opportunity section of the 1st Cavalry Division and the division's Engineer Brigade. More than 50 Soldiers showed up as singles or in ten-man groups at 5:30 in the morning, some on their day off.

Spc. Steven Phillips, from the division headquarters' Automation Systems (G-6) section, finished in first place out of all the male runners. The top woman finisher was Capt.

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Competitions, Food Highlight 4th of July Festivities

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Elizabeth Evans, commander of the Engineer Brigade's headquarters company. The 458th Engineer Battalion claimed the title as the top team.

After the run, the celebra-

tion moved down the road to where a volleyball tournament was held. Twelve teams showed up to participate in the single elimination event. Staff Sgt. Christopher Cherok of Headquarters Company, 458th Engineer Battalion took on the volleyball competition right after completing the run.

"Our guys won the team run competition this morning and now were trying to sweep the whole thing," he said.

But when it got down to the last game, the only two teams left were the 411th Engineer Battalion and F Troop of 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment. The engineers squeaked by, in overtime, with a 23-21 win to claim the tournament title.

Wrapping up the morning's activities, Soldiers were treated with a barbecue at the Pegasus Sports Oasis dining facility. Everything in the chow hall was in tune with the celebration of Independence Day. The cooks of the division's Headquarters Company wore red, white and blue soccer-style uniforms.

American flags hung from the ceiling, while cakes and



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Sgt. Dan Lewis, 1st Cav. Div. Fire Support Element, helps himself to some corn on the cob during lunch at the Pegasus Sports Oasis dining facility July 4.

pies were decked out in red, white and blue frosting. There was even a three-foot tall ice carving of the division's famous patch.

"This is fantastic," said Sgt. Dan Lewis of the division's Fire Support Element. "This barbecue just blows the last one we had out of the water. The variety of food is outstanding and the ice sculpture was really cool."



A cook from the Pegasus Sports Oasis carved a large 1st Cavalry Division patch out of a chunk of ice that was displayed in the dining facility during lunch as part of the festivities that took place in celebration of Independence Day on Camp Victory North.

Today in History

July 5

► From historychannel.com

1865 In the East End of London, revivalist preacher William Booth and his wife Catherine establish the Christian mission, later known as the Salvation Army.

1933 Fritz Todt was appointed general inspector for German highways. His primary assignment: to build a comprehensive autobahn system.

1946 French designer Louis Reard unveils a daring two-piece swimsuit at the Piscine Molitor, a popular swimming pool in Paris. Parisian showgirl Micheline Bernardini modeled the new fashion, which Reard dubbed "bikini," inspired by a news-making U.S. atomic test that took place off the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean earlier that week.

1950 Near Sojong, South Korea, Private Kenneth Shadrick, a 19-year-old infantryman from Skin Fork, W.V., becomes the first American reported killed in the Korean War.

Iraqi Word of the Day

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Monday

High: 112
Low: 84



Tuesday

High: 113
Low: 85



Wednesday

High: 111
Low: 85



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First Team Brings Medical Aid to Al Rashid

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Residents of the rural Al Hay Askari area of Al Rashid were invited to a medical civil assistance program (MEDCAP) event hosted by Soldiers from the 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, June 19.

For several hours, medics and physicians from Company B, 515th Forward Support Battalion worked with Iraqi doctors to treat the ailments of approximately 200 people. Most of the patients seen during the one-day event were children.

Currently, the residents of

the Al Hay Askari area do not have access to a dedicated clinic. To give their patients more health-care options, the First Team and Iraqi physicians developed a plan to refer patients for follow-up visits to the clinic in neighboring Al Saidiyah.

"We are trying to establish care," said Capt. Jose Lopez, a general practitioner with the 515th FSB. "We aren't just going to come out here and give out medications and leave. We want to make sure that through working with the Al Saidiyah clinic, that there is a place for these people to go."

Lopez estimated that 10 to 20 percent of the patients seen were referred to physicians in Al Saidiyah for further care.

"There are a lot of things that require follow-up care, especially when you are seeing pediatric patients," Lopez said. "You want to make sure that they get better. You want to make sure that they responded to the antibiotics. You want to make sure they didn't have any side effects, which would then interfere with the care."

To get a better understanding of specific Iraqi medical problems, Capt. Daniel O'Connor, a pediatrician with the 515th FSB, researched medical documentation for the area. What he found concerned him.

"They have one of the highest child mortality rates in the world," O'Connor said. "A lot of that mortality is due to problems with care during pregnancy and immediately after pregnancy."

Care is beginning to

improve in Baghdad now that qualified physicians are beginning to return to work in the medical field, according to Dr. Mohannad Al Sarif, an Iraqi internal medical practitioner with the Ministry of Health. While urban Baghdad doesn't have a shortage of qualified physicians, those physicians do lack medicine and equipment.

"They have plenty of physicians," O'Connor said. "They just need things like medications, heart monitors and [intravenous] fluids. Just the things that we take for granted in the U.S."

The First Team has been working on improving Baghdad's medical infrastructure since the division arrived here in February. New clinics are being built, old clinics are being refurbished, and medical supply lines are being restored. In the meantime, events like the MEDCAP provide immediate relief to residents of an area where medical care is few and far between.

As the residents of Al Hay Askari crowded around the MEDCAP triage site, Soldiers from the 515th realized they had their hands full. They had arranged for a full day of treating wounds, administering antibiotics and patient referrals. Beneath the beating sun, and amongst the sweat and sickness and crying babies, some of Soldiers found satisfaction in the idea that they were helping the future of Iraq.

"I just loved it," Sgt. Janell Harris, a 515th medic, said. "It's really all about the kids here. It's not about the fighting. It's about trying to provide for the kids."



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Staff Sgt. Sylvia Charf, a medic with the 515th Forward Support Battalion, discusses medical treatment options with residents of the rural Al Hay Askari area of Al Rashid during a medical civil assistance program that took place there June 19. Medics and doctors from the 515th FSB worked with Iraqi doctors to bring medical care to this area, which lacks a dedicated medical clinic. The First Team is working to rehabilitate the neglected Iraqi medical infrastructure.

Belton's 80th Independence Day Parade Draws Crowd

► From *Killeen Daily Herald*

BELTON, Texas- Horses with curly manes and tails, giant tow trucks with fancy paint jobs, marching bands and community groups were among the 200 participants in Belton's 80th Independence Day parade Saturday.

Chamber of Commerce organizers estimated a crowd of more than 8,000 watched the festivities along the 2-mile parade route.

Congressman John Carter spoke on the courthouse lawn during the festivities' opening ceremony. He pointed out that many generations have made America great.

"We have lots to be proud of," he said, citing America's long history of freeing nations from tyranny and standing up to inequities in the United States.

"We sent the most professional, well-behaved military and destroyed a tyrant, and we are now rebuilding the country," Carter said, referring to Iraq, whose government was returned last week to the Iraqi people. "That's what we do. We don't conquer; we liberate."

The Independence Day parade is a Belton tradition, exciting youngsters and drawing adults back every year.

Ray-Nard Smith, 7, of Waco said members of the mil-

itary band were his favorite entertainers in the parade.

"My uncle was in the military, and I liked seeing the military band playing music and seeing the drums," Smith said.

"I like the high school band, because I want to be a cheerleader someday," said Magdalena Rodriguez, 7, of Belton. She has attended the parade every year of her life with her parents.

Jose Galvan, 47, a veteran of more than 20 Belton parades, stood in the shade with his video camera.

"I like everything about the parade," he said, with a big smile. He was waiting to film relatives marching with the Belton Junior High School band.

The many horse groups were a favorite for young children. Belton residents Basel, 7, and Duha Kesbeh, 3, liked the "horsies," while Reed Williams, 5, said he favored the horses because he likes to ride.

Samson Cortez, 5, liked Ronald McDonald "because he's the greatest."

Belton native Peggy Jackson said the parade tradition has kept her coming for more than 40 years. This year she attended with her daughter and two grandchildren.

Jackson always enjoys seeing Dr. Long's train of little red wagons carrying his proge-



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Caitlin Stamke, three years old, gets her flags together before the start of the Belton 4th of July Parade in front of the Bell County Courthouse on Saturday. Thousands lined the parade route dressed in red, white and blue.

ny. Dr. Long was the attending physician when Jackson was born, she said, back when Belton had its own hospital.

"His entry is my favorite because the Long family is passing on the parade tradition," Jackson said.



A Spider Hole Emerges in Texas

Spc. Arturo Corcoles, left, Oscar Cordova, center and Jennifer Santa view the opening of a replica of the hole Saddam Hussein was hiding in when he was captured in Iraq, during the Freedom Festival in Fort Hood, Texas.

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Athletes Bring On Their Best July 4



(Left) As a part of the Independence Day celebrations that took place on Camp Victory North, 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers participate in a single elimination volleyball tournament early in the morning July 4. The 411th Engineer Battalion beat F Troop, 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery 23-21 to claim the tournament title.

(Below) More than 50 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers line up just before they start out on the 5K run that took place on July 4 in celebration of Independence Day.

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Major League Baseball Standings

as of 07/04/04 8:00 p.m. PDT

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	29	.633	-
Boston	43	37	.538	7.5
Tampa Bay	40	39	.506	10
Toronto	36	46	.439	15.5
Baltimore	34	44	.436	15.5

Central Division

Minnesota	43	37	.538	-
Chicago	42	36	.538	-
Cleveland	39	41	.488	4.5
Detroit	37	43	.463	6.5
Kansas City	29	50	.367	14

West Division

Oakland	46	34	.575	-
Texas	45	34	.570	.5
Anaheim	42	38	.525	4
Seattle	32	48	.400	14

National League

East Division

Philadelphia	43	37	.538	-
New York	41	39	.513	2
Florida	42	40	.512	2
Atlanta	40	41	.494	3.5
Montreal	28	52	.350	15

Central Division

St. Louis	49	32	.605	-
Chicago	46	35	.568	3.5
Cincinnati	44	37	.543	5
Milwaukee	41	38	.519	7
Houston	42	39	.519	7
Pittsburgh	36	43	.456	12

West Division

San Francisco	45	37	.549	-
San Diego	44	37	.543	.5
Los Angeles	41	37	.526	2
Colorado	31	49	.388	13
Arizona	30	52	.366	15

Glossary W: Wins, L: Losses, PCT: Winning Percentage, GB: Games Behind

TV GUIDE	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
6 p.m.	I Spy/ Even Stevens	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	NASCAR Nextel Cup Series - Pepsi 400 3:30 p.m.	Stars and Stripes Forever 5 p.m.
7 p.m.	Jeopardy!/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 7:30 p.m.	SportsCenter	Rugrats/ A Capitol Fourth
8 p.m.	ESPNNews/ SportsCenter	A Lesson Before Dying	Baseball Tonight 8:30 p.m.	
9 p.m.	60 Minutes		ESPNNews 9:30 p.m.	Average Joe: Hawaii
10 p.m.	Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular	Jubal	MLB - Cincinnati Reds @ St. Louis Cardinals	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

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